GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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AVAILABILITY OF AUTO PILOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of Auto Pilots on Indian Air Force Jaguar aircraft resulted in loss of four aircraft costing Rs. 141.40 crores and the lives of three pilots;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in purchase of this important and vital facility; and

(c) the steps being taken against those responsible for loss of equipment and lives?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.